

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1 – 12 for examination with the present application without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications. Applicants assert that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which is respectfully requested.

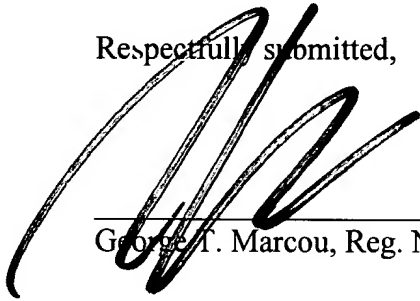
Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time for the filing of this response along with a provision for the payment of the required fee. No other fees are believed due for the submission of this response. Should any additional fees in fact be due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 501458.

Respectfully submitted,

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